

Scotland

Counter Quiries to the Quiries burnt at the Cross of *Edinburgh* December 17 1706. which appear to be Writ by some of Mr. *Hepburns* followers, or some body personating them.

1 **W**hither are the People of the South and West Country United Societies able to pass a Juster Judgment upon the Consequences of an Union with *England* than the Dissenters of that Kingdom who promote it, and Earnestly desire it, hoping thereby to Strengthen their party and Establish the Revolution Settlement?

2 If they are able to pass a juster Judgment upon the Union than the *English* Dissenters? is it not more probable that our Church Government will be better Secured by being made a fundamental Article of the Union, Supported by the Dissenters of *England* and the Moderate Church men, then it can be by Joining hands with the *Tories* here and in *England*, in the Settling of a Popish Successor?

3 If they pretend that they'll neither join the *Tories* nor agree to the Union I would know how they can avoid Espousing the Interest of one or other of the Contending Parties? or what part they intend to Act?

4 Whither the Covenant obliges them to perform Impossibilities, or that it is not their Duty in the present Case to stipulet good Terms for confirming the privileges of our Own Church, when we may do it with Ease Honour and Safety, rather then hazard the overturning the present Establishment by attempting to Reform *England*, or at least not to agree to let the Government of both Church continue as they are.

5 Why may not One Parliament wherein we have a part of the Representatives maintain two Church Governments that differ not in Essentials, as well as One Heathen Emperor has Maintained the Jewish Church; and their own Idolatrous Worship?

6 If our Church Government is not Safer under Christian Representatives Settled upon the Basis that gives them a being, than ever the Jewish Church was under any Heathen Emperor who subdued them by Force, and granted them these privileges meerly for the sake of Tranquility to the State, and not as a matter of Conscience and Equity?

7 Whither it is Reasonable to believe that the *English*, and much more the British Parliament will not esteem the Tranquility of the Monarchy as much as any other Government, when they have undertaken this Expensive War meerly to secure a Sure and Lasting Peace in Europe and if it is not absurd to believe they will to gratify a high Flown *Tory* Faction kindle a fire in their own Bowels, whom they have in a seperat State so much Discouraged and Frustrate of their Designs as Enemies to their present Establishment.

8 Whither these People of the United Societies are not Acting a very unproudent part in Beating the Bush that the *Tories* may catch the Hare?

9 If the present Union of those People and the *Tories* in opposing the Union of the two Kingdoms, is not like the Union of *Samson's* Foxes tyed together by the Tails while there Heads took two different ways? and if so, which of them is most likely to be leading the other on the Ice? for different Views they have to be sure, and I can tell the South and West Countrey People aforesaid, that the *Tories* have the Policy and Counsel of *France* and *Rome* on their side. And when they steer the Ship by the direction of such Pilots it is easy to Guess where they will Land.

10 Why should the Consolidating of our Sovereignty with another People who are as tenacious of their Privileges, and much more able to Maintain them than we, be look'd on as a Surrender, mote than a Private Man's putting his Stock into Copartnership with other Persons, should be look'd on as a giving of it away? or why may not a Man's property in a common be as real, as in enjoyeing a Seperate Estate.

